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Dear Prof. Sagan,

Thank you for your offer concerning the Viking Missions. After long thought and decision making I have chosen to attend Harvard University this September. I chose it not simply because of its "valuable" name but because they have a larger astronomy department in addition to the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, so while I am majoring in physics I will ^{have} more surrounding me in the way of on-going research in astronomy.

I want to say that I did enjoy meeting you and I am very grateful for your hospitality and the time you spent with me while at Cornell. I will throughout my undergraduate years keep you informed on any noteworthy news concerning astronomy-related work that I'm involved in. I do plan to apply again for the Viking Internship next summer.

Thanks again.

Best wishes,

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